

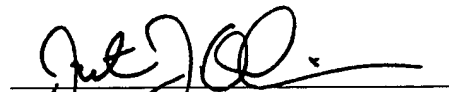
REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 17-20 and 24 remain pending in this application, with Claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 17-19 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 6.

All of the claims are allowed. Applicant submits that the changes presented herein are minor, and do not affect the allowability of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant request a new Notice of Allowance.

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